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Story Opportunity: Salisbury University Students Launching Pilot Project with NASA April 29

Salisbury University physics students will launch their eight-foot tall rocket the morning of April 29 on the airfield at the Wallops Flight Facility. The launch is part of the development of NASA's Small Scale Education Rocket Initiative. The Initiative is being developed to inspire students to pursue degrees and careers in science, technology, engineering and math by giving the students hands-on instruction in building and launching rockets. The rocket is expected to fly to an approximate altitude of 1,200 feet. It will be powered using hybrid propulsion – a mixture of nitrous oxide and thermal plastic. Six Salisbury University students are working on the project. In May, a rocket being built by students from Wicomico High School is scheduled for launch.

Media wishing to cover the Salisbury University launch should contact Keith Koehler at (757) 824-1579. The launch is expected to occur between 9 a.m. and noon.

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